

Sexual Citizenship: Context

- The transnational movement of bodies has changed the form of citizenship.
- Citizenship becomes flexible and performative, rather than ascribed through birthright alone.
- Claims of citizenship become based on spatial practices.
 - Decision-making over space/place no longer exclusively contingent on landownership.
 - Place-making defined through the participation in the **appropriation of space**, and the **production of its meaning**.
 - Competition over spatial claims and the rights to the production of space.

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Global Cities

- **global city:** hubs of the global economic system.
 - popularized by Saskia Sassen in the 1990s.
 - contingent on the notion that globalization is largely created, facilitated, and enacted in strategic geographic locales based on their importance within the operation of global finance and trade.
 - Primary global cities: London, Tokyo, and New York.
 - the result of privatization, deregulation, the opening of national economies to foreign firms, and the growing participation of national economic actors in global markets.
 - reflects advancements in communication and information technologies.

Characteristics of the Global City

- Organizing Hypotheses:
 - Global cities are both sites of economic centralization and dispersal.
 - Geographic dispersion of economic activities (a network of various functions of a firm's central operations outsourced throughout the world), which transforms once nationalized firms to global corporations.
 - Centralization of large firms within global cities (where economic functions are managed, coordinated, financed).

